



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **WATANABE, Kenichi**

Group Art Unit: **2815**

Serial No.: **10/050,171**

Examiner: **WARREN, Matthew E.**

Filed: **January 18, 2002**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **7623**

FOR: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE CAPABLE OF SUPPRESSING CURRENT CONCENTRATION IN PAD AND ITS MANUFACTURE METHOD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 23, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 25, 2004**, extended to **August 25, 2004** by a **2** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.